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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I fully intended to stay quiet on 149 and felt that I had talked more than enough about some of my concerns about the legislation in the past. But there are a couple of things that have happened that cause me not to be able to do that. One of those things was our discussion about LB 314 the other day, which is the legislation that would establish a fund, that just happens to need the amount of money that was left over from another fund that we established, to deal with problems that happen, and one aspect of those problems was errors that were created. And I would...I would say that those errors...that LB 314, in a very real way, is an admission that those errors will continue in the future, the errors that we make. And that is not...I mean that's just a part of life. I'm not saying that that's something that we can't expect. Any kind of system, any kind of process that we have has the potential for errors. But each time in this Legislature that we've had a major education funding, restructuring piece of legislation, we have been led to believe that all the errors are going to go away, that everything is going to be perfect. And so we get this sheet that talks about what we're going to have without 149 and what we're going to have with 149. And I will admit that 149 is going to help the situation a great deal because you're going to be using real data. I admit that, and that is for me one of the major reasons to support 149. But to claim that 149 is going to solve every problem and to make some of the statements that are made on this sheet, I think, is disingenuous. One of the statements talks about that without 149 state funding would continue to fluctuate in relation to spending and resources on the local level. Well, isn't that exactly what we want to happen? Isn't that what our policy is supposed to be about? Is not our state funding supposed to follow, at least in what we've talked about, the spending and resources at the local level? To try to make it sound like, by virtue of passing 149, we're going to solve every problem about predictability and every problem about fluctuation is just not the case. I would feel much better, as Senator Wehrbein said, had we been proceeding with 149 with the Kristensen and Wickersham amendments, not...not because I think it changes anything about predictability and